GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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STATUS OF THE SETTING UP OF SAARC UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status regarding setting up of SAARC University in the country; and

(b) the amount likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) At the Thirteenth SAARC Summit (Dhaka, November 12-13, 2005),Prime Minister proposed establishing a South Asian University (SAU).The Inter-governmental Agreement amongst SAARC member states to establish the South Asian University was signed at the Fourteenth SAARC Summit on April 4, 2007. It was agreed that the main campus of the University will be in India.

A Project Office headed by a CEO from the host country, India, has been established to work under the Inter-governmental Steering Committee overseeing the project.Land for the project has been identified in the NCR and work is proceeding apace.